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Annual Report

of the Town of

Langdon, New Hampshire



For the Year Ending
February 15th, 1907

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

LANGDON, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15th, 1907

AND THE VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR 1906.

CLAREMONT, N. H.:
THE CLAREMONT ADVOCATE PRESS,
1907.

Report of Selectmen

Taxes required to be assessed in town April, 1906.

State tax,	\$ 355.00
County tax,	505.06
School tax required by law,	532.50
School tax, additional by vote of town,	250.00
Highways and bridges,	795.33
Town charges,	500.00
Library tax,	21.30
Overlay,	132.00
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	\$3,091.19

Rate of taxation, \$1.56 on each \$100.

INVOICE APRIL 1, 1906

Polls,	93	\$ 9,300.00
Real estate,		140,610.00
Horses,	146	9,954.00
Oxen,	8	470.00
Cows,	372	11,164.00
Neat stock,	197	3,795.00
Sheep,	419	1,690.00
Hogs,	2	24.00
Fowls,	150	70.00
Public funds,		800.00
Stock in banks,		200.00
Money at interest,		19,055.00
Stock in trade,		300.00
Mills and machinery,		700.00
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		\$198,132.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Feb. 15, 1906, cash in treasury,	\$ 59.62
Rec'd from selectmen, borrowed money,	865.00
Selectmen,	23.85
Town clerk, dog licenses,	86.25
Sullivan county, support of paupers,	179.39
State aid on highways,	670.62
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	99.16
" Literary fund,	33.55
" School fund,	50.00
Tax collector,	2,308.69
"	3.62
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	\$4,379.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid county tax,	\$505.06
state tax,	355.00
on selectmen's orders,	3,286.84
To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1907,	232.85
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\$4,379.75

HENRY J. LASELLE, Treasurer.

TOWN OFFICERS

Alvin S. Cram, selectman 1905,	\$ 49.00
George H. Royce, 2nd selectman 1905,	30.00
Robert J. Hammond, 3rd selectman 1905,	14.00
George Ramsey, town clerk 1906,	21.00
Alvin S. Cram, collector 1906,	40.00
Henry J. LaSelle, treasurer 1906,	25.00
Frank R. Bates, sexton 1906,	20.00
Mrs. E. J. LaSelle, librarian 1906,	12.00
Mrs. E. J. LaSelle, school treasurer 1906,	5.00
C. C. Plimpton, supervisor 1905 and 1906,	6.00
A. E. Bingham, " "	5.00
James W. Bascom, district clerk,	1.00
Charles Winch, auditor,	1.00
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\$229.00

SCHOOL BOARD

James W. Bascom, services,	\$12.00
Charles A. Jeffs, "	6.00
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\$18.00

COUNTY PAUPERS

Paid for benefit of Milton J. Clark,	\$155.45
Balance due from Sullivan county Feb. 15, 1906,	<u>74.41</u>
	229.86
Received from Sullivan county,	<u>179.39</u>
Balance due from Sullivan county Feb. 15, 1907,	<u>\$50.47</u>

DAMAGE BY DOGS

W. H. Blackmar, four sheep killed,	\$16.00
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DOG LICENSES

Received for dog licenses,	\$68.20
Paid services of constable,	6.00
Paid damage sheep killed,	<u>16.00</u>
	<u>22.00</u>
Balance to be paid school treasurer April 1, 1907,	<u>\$46.20</u>

ORDERS DRAWN TO REPAIR ROADS AND BRIDGES

Edwin H. Clark, surveyor in District No. 1,	\$ 30.80
M. F. Bragg, " " No. 2,	52.07
J. W. Jefts, " " No. 3,	47.93
H. G. Lamb, " " No. 4,	27.25
C. W. Graves, " " No. 5,	24.22
Ira A. Kinson, repairing sluice,	3.00
C. C. Plimpton, surveyor in District No. 6,	36.75
R. H. Wheeler, " " No. 7,	59.20
W. A. Wheeler gravel in District No. 7,	2.25
Howard Hardware Co., drain tile,	1.60
B. F. Brown, labor on highway,	.75
C. A. Jefts, drawing stone bank wall,	3.00
J. W. Jefts, laying bank wall,	2.00
J. J. McDermitt, drawing stone and gravel,	3.75
Ira M. Russell, labor in Dist. No. 5,	2.10
H. A. Holmes, " No. 5,	.90
H. E. Smith, snowing bridge 1906 and 1907,	2.00
	<u>\$299.57</u>

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BREAKING ROADS.

C. C. Plimpton, 1906 and 1907,	\$15.90
H. C. Clark, 1905,	11.33
J. W. Bascom, 1907,	3.00
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	\$30.23

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES.

H. S. Campbell, damage bridge accident,	\$165.00
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STATE HIGHWAY

F. LaFountain, labor,	\$ 23.00
A. Whitney, "	15.75
H. Reeves, "	8.75
E. Morse, "	18.07
B. D. Reeves, "	25.00
W. H. Barrett, "	6.35
John Good, "	41.20
Joe Bushway, "	9.00
A. Whitmore, "	3.00
Geo. Gorham, "	21.52
Joe Nado, "	9.95
Geo. Gale, "	13.99
David Andrews, "	56.10
W. Ormsby, "	3.00
J. Cummings, "	9.00
Guy Davis, "	5.48
Albert French, "	5.25
H. Blake, "	31.05
F. Bushway, "	36.25
Geo. Ramsey, "	15.00
S. T. J. Davis, "	30.80
C. LaSelle, "	29.85
A. Meany, "	1.50
A. Bagley, "	4.50
L. Burnett, "	23.49
C. Kinney, "	5.25
J. W. Jeffs, "	38.40
H. E. Smith, "	5.10
C. C. Plimpton, "	39.60
F. R. Bates, "	23.20
H. G. Lamb, "	4.00
N. Brunell, crossing mowing,	10.00
H. M. Elwell, gravel,	25.00

F. F. Jefts, labor,	\$ 96.60
Hammond Bros., "	60.25
J. A. Hall, "	131.80
C. A. Jefts, "	205.70
Railing,	12.00
Town of Charlestown, roller,	6.00
G. B. Albee, supplies,	3.38
J. H. Dickey, "	2.37
Field & Lawrence, dynamite,	20.23
Howard Hardware Co., tile,	122.01
Geo. Woodell, making drills,	.75
Kent & Dodge, sharpening drills,	4.60
C. Beckwith, "	7.65
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	\$1,262.64

ORDERS DRAWN FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES

George I. Putnam, printing reports,	\$ 18.25
E. C. Eastman, order books and blanks,	4.99
H. L. Prentiss, trustee, interest on note,	20.00
Hammond Bros., drawing fence posts 1904,	4.00
Howard Hardware Co., paint,	7.00
School supplies,	23.36
C. H. Wright, painting cemetery fence,	10.20
J. W. Jefts, " "	10.20
E. Porter, interest on note,	10.74
H. L. Prentiss, trustee Prentiss note,	504.67
E. C. Hutchins, note and interest,	219.56
Library trustee, library tax,	21.30
E. L. Walker, insurance town hall,	3.00
O. J. Butterfield, fence posts, 1904,	15.00
N. H. Beckwith, shingling town hall,	13.63
Davis Bros., shingle nails,	1.40
Abatement part of S. Wilmot tax,	1.56
S. W. Stuart, 10½ M. shingles,	35.00
Hammond Bros., drawing shingles,	2.80
A. E. Bingham, abatement 1 poll tax,	1.36
B. F. Mousley, returning births 1905 and 1906,	.75
E. M. Smith, retaining fee,	5.00
W. H. Wilson,*watering trough 1905 and 1906,	6.00
Alvin S. Cram, abatement 3 poll taxes,	4.68
H. A. Holmes, board of health,	.75
G. W. Ramsey, recording births and deaths,	1.50
R. F. Oliver, returning " "	1.50

Ira Colby & Son, retaining fee,	\$ 5.00
E. J. LaSelle, school treasurer, literary fund,	33.55
“ “ proportion school fund,	50.00
Unexpended dog license,	68.20
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	\$1,104.95

RECAPITULATION

Town officers,	\$ 229.00
School board,	18.00
County paupers,	155.45
Damage by dogs, services of constable,	22.00
Highways and bridges,	299.57
Breaking roads,	30.23
State tax,	355.00
County tax,	505.06
State road,	1,262.64
Bridge accident,	165.00
Miscellaneous,	1,104.90
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	\$4,146.90

TRUST FUND

The Prentiss fund is invested in the Bellows Falls Savings Institution, and the interest is devoted to the care of the Prentiss lots in the South cemetery.

ASSETS

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1907,	\$232.85
Due from Sullivan county Feb. 15, 1907,	50.47
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	\$283.32

TOWN NOTE OUTSTANDING

Due on E. Porter note, interest $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.,	\$1,190.00
Respectfully submitted,	

CHARLES A. JEFTS,	} Selectmen of Langdon.
ROBERT J. HAMMOND,	
JAMES A. HALL,	

This certifies that I have attended to my duties as auditor and have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 14, 1907.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DR.		
To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1906,	\$ 6.83	
1906.		
Nov. 16 Library tax,	<u>21.30</u>	28.13
CR.		
Dec. 9 41 books bought of W. P. Goodman,	23.70	
12 Express on books,	.75	
16 Paper for covering books,	.25	
1907.		
Feb. 15 Cash in treasury to balance,	<u>3.43</u>	\$28.13

There is a good degree of interest in the library and a good number avail themselves of its privileges. No books have been retained over the regular time, a thing that has not occurred before.

CHARLES WINCH, Secretary of Trustees.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1907

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1906,	\$ 139.65
Cash received from collector,	782.50
Literary fund,	33.55
State school fund,	50.00
Dog license money 1905,	<u>68.20</u>
	\$1,073.90

DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid on orders,	889.48
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1907,	<u>184.42</u>
	\$1,073.90

MRS. ELSIE J. LASELLE, School Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Number of schools maintained,	2
“ terms of school,	5
“ weeks in spring,	20
“ weeks in fall,	25
“ weeks in winter,	10

Whole number of weeks,	55
Number pupils reported,	53
Boys,	30
Girls,	23
Number in actual attendance,	40
Number attending one term or more in adjoining towns,	10
Number between ages of 6 and 16 not attending any school,	3
Boys,	2
Girls,	1
Names of teachers employed :	

SPRING TERM		
School No. 1,		F. Isabelle Blood
“ No. 3,		Charlotte M. Belknap
FALL TERM		
School No. 1,		Anna B. Stoddard
“ No. 3,		Charlotte M. Belknap
WINTER TERM		
School No. 3		Catherine C. Higgins

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Orders drawn on district treasurer for support of schools,	\$889.48
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EXPENDITURES

F. Isabelle Blood, teaching 10 weeks,	\$ 65.00
Anna B. Stoddard, 15	97.50
Charlotte M. Belknap, 20	165.00
Catherine C. Higgins, 10	80.00
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	\$407.50

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT

C. H. Drown,	\$45.50
A. B. Morrill,	41.56
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	\$87.16

TUITION—HIGH SCHOOL AND ADJOINING TOWNS

Colby academy,	\$12.00
Alstead,	49.75
Walpole,	6.75
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	\$68.50

CONVEYING SCHOLARS

Catherine L. Marvin,	\$ 75.00
H. S. Campbell,	40.00

M. D. Corliss,	3.00
Carlos J. Fifield,	6.00

\$124.00

REPAIRS

Vermont Seat Co., desks,	\$50.00
Freight on desks,	6.72
Drawing and setting desks,	5.00
Glass and putting in same, :	.10

\$61.82

Care of schoolhouses,	\$13.75
Cleaning schoolhouses,	5.00
Wood,	26.25
Last year's outstanding bills,	89.75
Miscellaneous,	5.75

RECAPITULATION

Orders drawn on Dist. Treas. for support of schools,	\$ 889.48
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EXPENDITURES

Wages of teachers, including board,	407.50
Salary of superintendent,	87.16
Tuition,	68.50
Conveying scholars,	124.00
Repairs,	61.82
Care of schoolhouses,	13.75
Cleaning schoolhouses,	5.00
Wood,	26.25
Outstanding bills,	89.75
Miscellaneous,	5.75

\$889.48

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BASCOM,	} School
CHARLES A. JEFTS,	
WARREN H. BLACKMAR,	

This certifies that I have this day examined the accounts of the School Board and Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor of School District.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1907.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LANGDON :

I have the pleasure of submitting to you the fifth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools. It covers, however, only about a half year of service on my part.

STATISTICS.

	1900-01	1901-02	1902-03	1903-04	1904-05	1905-06
Whole number,	54	53	28	36	45	51
Average membership,	41	53	28	26—	42	41
Average Attendance,	35	35	24+	23—	40	36
Per cent. of Attendance,	85+	66	86	88	95	90—

ATTENDANCE

The figures of the above table show some irregularity in membership and attendance for the past six years. They are taken from the reports to the State Department of Public Instruction. I am not concerned with the causes of such irregularity. But I know from much experience that when the attendance is nearest perfect the progress and interest and value of the work of our schools is very much advanced. The students who go only half the time are not the only ones to suffer. Classmates who are perfect in attendance cannot make the advancement to which they are entitled. The teacher must explain again what all ought to know, and the progress of the school as a whole is checked.

Most of the states are increasing the strictness of their laws on school attendance. For convenience of reference I give a few of our own state laws on this subject.

ATTENDANCE LAWS

Sect. 14. Every person having the custody and control of a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, residing in a school district in which a public school is annually taught, shall cause such child to attend the public school all the time such school is in session unless the child shall be excused by the school board of the district because his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school for the period required, or because he was instructed in the English language in a private school approved by the school board for a number of weeks equal to that in which the public school was in session in the common English branches, or, having acquired those branches, in other more advanced studies. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of this section shall be fined ten dollars for the first offense and twenty dollars for every subsequent offense, for the use of the district.

Sect. 15. The state superintendent of public instruction shall have authority to enforce the laws relating to attendance at school and the employment of minors, and, for this purpose, he and any deputy appointed by him shall be vested with the powers given by law to truant officers when authorized by school boards to enforce the laws relating to attendance at school and the employment of children. And the expenses necessarily incurred by the state superintendent in such enforcement shall be paid, as audited and allowed by the governor and council.

TEACHERS.

The schools have prospered under excellent teachers. No matter how many schemes we try in our effort to make our schools better, we come back at last to the fundamental reason for good schools—good teachers. As fast as we find good teachers—those with tact, energy, executive ability and that power which enables them to adapt themselves to our local needs—I think we should retain them for longer terms of service. The best results of a good teacher appear more clearly in the second year and the third year of service. The extra dollar per week of the second year is well spent.

COURSE OF STUDY.

We are following the State Superintendent's Course of Study as fully as possible. It will take some reorganization to adapt our work to it, but I think it will be worth while to feel that we are doing the same work in each year that some of the best schools of the state are doing. We shall need some new reading books and arithmetics to make our work more effective. I feel, however, that we are well equipped in most respects, and that our young people are earning their standing by substantial work.

CONCLUSION

I have been pleased with the interest which I have seen in both teachers and pupils. A few little things have been done to make the school rooms more attractive. I like this and feel that it is the beginning of a true civic pride. I shall offer rewards to all schools that make any noticeable improvement in the appearance of the school room or grounds during the spring term.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the coöperation of teachers and school board in every effort to improve the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED B. MORRILL.

Feb. 27, 1907.

VITAL STATISTICS

In compliance with an Act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of the births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Reports," we submit the following:

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906:

Date, 1906	Name of child (if any)	Sex and Condition			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Parents' Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace and age of Father	Birthplace and age of Mother
		Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	Number of Child							
Jan 1	Howard Faulkner	M		1	Truman Faulkner	Annie E Scofield	All white	Langdon	Farmer	Nova Scotia	31
Mar 25	Elsie Ruth Beckwith	F		1	Natt H Beckwith	Flora Sarsons			"	31 Acworth	35
Apr 16	Marion J Burnett	F		3	Louis E Burnett	Margaret T McLaughlin			"	28 Boston, Mass.	29
Aug 30	Chas Henry Westney	M		1	Charles Westney	Alma J Green			"	43 Alstead	26
Oct 24	Emma Ellen Currier	F		1	Marshall A Currier	Florence H Webber			"	37 Oxford, Me.	37
Dec 19	Edith G Hammond	F		1	Robert J Hammond	Margaret L Robertson			"	35 Boston, Mass.	31
Dec 22	Robert Emmons Hurd	M		1	Horace C Hurd	Jessie Bridges			"	28 Peru, N. Y.	22
Dec 28	Woodell Frost	M		2	George T Woodell	Annie F Jones			"	38 Bartonsville, Vt	32
		F		2	Frank H Frost	Alberta D Eaton			Blacksmith Farmer	33 Acworth	34

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1906.

Date 1906	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Condition			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Name of Mother
		Y	M	D		Male	Female	Color		Father	Mother		
May 24	Ann M Porter	71	3	3	Charlestown			S	Farmer	Charlestown	Charlestown	Burrill Porter	Susan Garfield
Sept 7	James Willard	76	11	23	Langdon			M	Farmer	Charlestown	Walpole	Ambrose Willard	Annis Bundy
Oct 20	George Lamb	70	9	13	Langdon	M		M	Farmer	Spencer, Mass.	Langdon	John Lamb	Lucinda Kingsbury

I hereby certify that the foregoing return of births and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. W. RAMSEY, Town Clerk.

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